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TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGES ON I-64 IN LEXINGTON AREA RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 10

STAUNTON – Major traffic pattern changes on Interstate 64 in Rockbridge County have been rescheduled for Friday afternoon, October 10, weather permitting. The Virginia Department of Transportation revised the schedule due to a delay in the delivery of needed materials. These traffic changes are part of the rehabilitation of the eastbound and westbound Maury River bridges between mile marker 53.3 and 55.3 near Lexington.

Westbound and eastbound traffic in the area of the work zone is already limited to a single lane 24 hours a day. These changes began Monday for installation of traffic barriers, guardrail and pavement markings.

On Friday, the eastbound I-64 bridge will close and all traffic will detour onto the westbound bridge using a single lane in each direction. The closure of the eastbound bridge will be done with a slow-roll operation in the eastbound lanes with the assistance of the Virginia State Police.

From October 10, 2014 through fall 2015:

- Eastbound traffic will taper into a single lane and access the westbound lanes using the median crossover on the west side of the bridge. After crossing the bridge eastbound drivers will proceed to the median crossover on the east side of the bridge to return to the I-64 eastbound mainline.
- Westbound traffic will be limited to a single lane from mile marker 55.3 to 53.3.

This traffic pattern will remain in effect for about a year, and then all traffic will be switched to the eastbound bridge while the westbound bridge begins rehabilitation in fall 2015. That traffic pattern will also last approximately one year.

Two-way traffic on the bridge will be separated by a steel barrier, and the speed limit is 55 miles per hour throughout the work zone area. All drivers are advised to use extreme caution.

Construction is taking place in three phases. The first phase was grading and paving of the median crossovers and installation of signs. Phase two is the rehabilitation of the eastbound bridge, and phase three is rehabilitation of the westbound bridge. The estimated completion date is fall 2016.

Project details, including photos and maps of the work zone, are located on the VDOT website at http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/staunton/rockbridge_county_8211_i-64_bridges_over_maury_river.asp.

In January 2014 the Commonwealth Transportation Board awarded a \$12.9 million contract to Orders Construction Company Inc. of St. Albans, W.Va., for rehabilitation of the I-64 bridges over the Maury River and Kerrs Creek. This project has earned \$15.5 million in federal grants under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. The grant program aims to protect critical infrastructure while connecting communities and fostering economic growth.

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